the Government came to negotiation with him. He was called to Delhi for the purpose of environmental protection in that area. Then, Madam, the Government took a decision to appoint an expert committee to go into the environmental problem which has been raised by various organisations. Dr. D.R. Bhumbla, the Vice-Chancellor, Haryana Agricultural University was the Chairman of this Expert Committee. The Committee submitted its report to the Government. The Ministry considered this report. The observations of the Committee were that the project was hazardous, would lead to sufferings and displacement of several thousands of people. The cost-benefit analysis has not been properly worked out and finally the project would not be conducive to the delicate balance of the Himalayan eco-system. Madam, after the report has been submitted, a tussle has been going on between the Ministry of Environment and the Ministry of Energy and both the Ministries have been exchanging notes whether to go ahead with the project or discontinue it. In that process, the Government has spent more than Rs. 1,000 crores. The work of the project could not be carried on in a speedier manner and the people who are affected are ultimately the people of U.P. On the one side, the Ministry of Environment want that the project should be shelved; on the other side, the Ministry of Energy want that the project is to be carried through. The Prime Minister also wants that the project is to be continued. That being the case, both the Ministries have decided to refer it to another expert committee when one expert committee has submitted its report. This is a dilatory tactics on the part of the Government to defuse the agitation started by Sundar Lal Bahuguna and they would like to prolong the matter. By doing so, if the Government wants to continue the project, then there will be more cost escalation and the ultimate sufferers would be the people of U.P. Therefore, Madam, I urge upon the Government to take immediate decision on the basis of the report submitted by Dr. D. R. Bhumbla the Vice-Chancellor of Haryana University. They have no reason to go against the report and even if they want to reconsider it, let them come to a decision as early as possible so that the people could get benefit and the Government which has spent more than Rs. 1,000 crores on the project will reconsider it. Considering the eco situation there, the recommendations of the Committee have to be considered and the tussle which has been going on between the two Ministries should be stopped. They should take into consideration the interests of the people and the project continuation is to be decided.

श्री राम नरेश यादव (उत्तर प्रदेश) : महोदया, आपकी अनुमति से इस स्पेशल महत्व के...

उपसभापति : आप अपने को जोड़ लीजिए पर भाषण न करिये । टाइम नहीं है, बजट मुझे स्टार्ट करना है ।

श्री राम नरेश यादव: यह उत्तर प्रदेश का मामला है । यह बहुत बड़ी योजना है, मल्टी परपज योजना है इसलिए इसकी स्थापना की गई है । इसमें वैज्ञानिकों की पर्यावरण के संबंध में कई बार रिपोर्टें आ चुकी है लेकिन सरकार पता नहीं क्यों कुछ लोगों के विशेष दृष्टिकोण के आधार पर इसको रोकने का काम कर रही है । इसलिए उन सारी चीजों पर विचार करके इस काम को जल्दी से जल्दी आरम्भ करना चाहिए ताकि विद्युत की और दूसरी समस्यायें जो इससे जुड़ी हुई हैं, वह दूर हो सकें ।

मैं उससे इसलिए अपने को सम्बद्ध करता हूं ।

1-00 P.M.

Stoppage of Re-Finance to Maharashtra State Cooperative Banks by NABARD

SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV (Maharashtra): Madam Deputy Chairman, I thank you very much for giving me an opportunity to speak on a

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very important matter concerning Maharashtra, that is about the stoppage of refinance to Maharashtra State Cooperative Bank by NABARD.

Madam, 80 per cent of the agricultural credit in the State is routed through the cooperative credit structure of which the Maharashtra State Cooperative Bank is the apex bank. The total amount distributed for crop loan during 1984-85 was Rs. 315 crores while it was Rs. 565 crores during 1988-89 and is expected to be nearly Rs. 625 crores during 1989-90.

The State Cooperative Bank has satisfied all the eligibility conditions of the NABARD in obtaining refinance. The NABARD which after a long time, had begun refinance to State Cooperative Banks during the current year has stopped it abruptly towards the end of January 1990, objecting to the State Government's scheme of lowering the rate of interest to six per cent on crop loan up to Rs. 10,000|-. The State Government is now modifying the said scheme by introducting a scheme of production incentive to be operated by creating a fund with contributions from the State Government and the Maharashtra State Cooperative Bank. While the NABARD has appreciated the revised scheme of the State Government, it has objected to the involvement of the State Cooperative Bank in sharing the burden on this account. The effect of stoppage of refinance by the NABARD will result in denial of credit to a large number of farmers and agricultural production, consequently, would suffer.

Madam, the objection raised by the NABARD and the Reserve Bank of India is this. The State Government introduced two schemes last year to keep the flow of agricultural credit and to cover all the agriculturists in the State. Under one scheme, interest rate up to Rs. 10,000|- has been lowered to six per cent for all those who pay current dues in time. Under the other scheme, defaulters up to Rs. 10,000|- are to be rehabilitated by rescheduling their overdues for 10 years. Under both the schemes, the State Government has jointly, with the MSCB, taken full financial responsibility for the loss involved in lowering the rate of interest. And hence, in the light of the objections raised by the NABARD and the Reserve Bank of India, a revised scheme of production incentive has now been finalised to overcome the objections raised by the NABARD and the RBI. Under this scheme, a fund will be created under the control of the State Commissioner for Cooperation to be contributed equally by the State Government and the MSCB to give production incentive to eligible agriculturists who repay their current dues in time and who have taken each a crop-loan up to Rs. 10,000|-. Under this scheme, there would not be any financial burden on the Government of India or the NABARD and the rate of interest structure prescribed by the NABARD would also remain intact and there won't be any difficulty to refinance to the NABARD for refinancing to the Maharashtra State Cooperative Bank. The effect of abruptly stopping refinance of Rs. 70 crores approximately, would lead to a critical situation wherein a substantial number of farmers would not get credit facilities and agricultural production consequently would suffer a set back.

Therefore, I request the Finance Minister, who is also from Maharashtra and who knows the situation, through you Madam, to direct the NABARD to start refinance to the Maharashtra State Co-operative Bank immediately and remove the grievances of the thousands and lakhs of farmers of the State of Maharashtra. Thank you.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Mr. Vishwa Bandhu Gupta. (*Interruptions*). Have you sorted out the problem between you?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE): Madam, this is private conversation in a public place. (*Interruption*).

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Just now I observed that Smt. Javanthi Natarajan and the Member from Tamil Nadu

were sitting together and I remember that they were at loggerheads an hour ago. I hope that they are not making a plan for tomorrow.

PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE: That is dialectics.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Shri Vishwa Bandhu Gupta.

Demand for early revision of Aviation subsidy to Delhi Gliding Club Association

SHRI VISHWA BANDHU GUPTA (Delhi): Madam, you have very kindly referred to gliders and also to balloons, but you are specifically mentioning the gliders.

I would like to raise a matter of public importance between a large number of people are involved in the adventure support of gliding and a large number of people are being employed in the Gliding Clubs throughout the country. Fortunately, the Gliding Clubs in India are subsidised by the Ministry of Civil Aviation and they are doing a commendable job because they have converted a large number of people to airmindedness. But the rates of subvention and subsidy are very low. And with this in view, the Government of India had appointed a Committee, known as the Bawa Committee, in March, 1988 to review the rates of subvention of Gliding Clubs and Flying Clubs. The Committee gave its report in the first week of April, 1988 suggesting an upward revision of subvention to the Flying Clubs and the Gliding Clubs. Madam, although the enhanced rates, as suggested by the Committee set up by the DGCA, were made applicable to Flying Clubs from 1st June, 1989, the Gliding Clubs are still awaiting the revision of their subvention rates as a result of which, the Gliding Clubs are on the verge of closing down throughout the country— it is not a matter of the metropolitan city of Delhi alone, but also of the clubs all over the country—and they will close down if the subvention rates are not revised by the 31st March of this year because then they would have such a backlog since the salaries have not been paid at the Gliding Clubs. I would, therefore, urge upon the Government that if they revised the rates of subvention for the Flying Clubs, as suggested by the Committee, they should also revise the rates of subvention for the Gliding Clubs so that they do not close down and the adventure support continues.

Persecution of Christians in Uttar Pradesh

SHRI THOMAS KUTHIRAVATTOM (Kerala): Madam, on the 26th March, 1990, the Christians staged a protest march in New Delhi to focus the attention of the Central Government on the growing incidents of attacks on Christians and their institutions in Uttar Pradesh. The State Government has failed to protect the minorities in the State.

It is a well-known fact that the Christians have done a commendable task in the field of education, medicine and social work all over the country including Uttar Pradesh. But recently several persons including a priest were assaulted by the police officials in Aligarh and no action has been taken by the State Government so far. Several youths have been arrested by these police officials on cooked-up charges and other innocent people are being intimidated. Some disgruntled elements have grabbed the land belonging to the Church mission.

I, therefore, request the Centre to intervene to put a stop to this precaution of Christians in the State and initiate a judicial inquiry into the incidents.

Increase in Terrorist Activities in the States of Assam, Nagaland and Manipur

डा० अबरार अहमद खान (राजस्थान): मैडम, मैं इस स्पेशल मेंशन के माध्यम से, खास तौर से दिसम्बर माह जब से यह नयी सरकार बनी है, सारे देश में फैल रही आतंकवाद की लहर की ओर सदन का ध्यान आकर्षित करना चाहता हूं ।